Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, There are 3,900,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Such people have severe chronic disabilities attributed to mental or physical impairment which begins early in life and results in substantial limitations to major life activities such as self-care, mobility, language, learning, and self-direction; and,

WHEREAS, People with developmental disabilities need interdisciplinary or generic services and treatment for extended periods of their lives; and,

WHEREAS, People with developmental disabilities have the capability to become more independent and economically self-sufficient; and,

WHEREAS, The services and expertise provided by professional personnel, parents, and concerned citizens enable people with developmental disabilities to participate more freely in education, employment and community living; and,

WHEREAS, Increasingly more people with developmental disabilities are living in the community enabling them to live less restricted lives; and,

WHEREAS, Through increased state and national awareness of such programs, the public will better understand the potential and needs of people with developmental disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 1988, as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to observe the month by participating in appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE